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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: US ARMS TO KUWAIT

1. FOREIGN MINISTER KHALATBARI, AFTER DISCUSSION ON OTHER SUBJECTS, ASKED ME 14 JULY WHETHER THE ARMS ARRANGEMENTS WHICH KUWAIT WAS MAKING WITH UNITED STATES HAD BEEN CONCLUDED AND IF SO WHAT AMOUNT OF ARMS WAS BEING PURCHASED BY THE GOK. HE INDICATED SOME CONCERN ABOUT THE SALE OF PHANTOMS TO THE KUWAITIS, POINTING OUT THAT SUCH AN AIRCRAFT WOULD BE OUTSIDE OF KUWAITI AIR SPACE ALMOST BEFORE IT WAS AIRBORNE. HE FURTHER EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THE PROVISION OF SOPHISTICATED EQUIPMENT TO KUWAIT MIGHT WELL PROVE AN ATTRACTIVE INDUCEMENT TO IRAQ TO GRAB WHAT KUWAIT HAD IN ONE SHARP MILITARY ATTACK.

2. WOULD YOU PLEASE LET US HAVE WHAT INFORMATION YOU WANT PASSED TO THE IRANIAN FOREIGN OFFICE ON THIS SUBJECT. KHALATBARI WILL EXPECT SOME SORT OF REPLY.
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